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TO MR. FRANK P. WALSH,
VICE PRESIDENT,
BUTTES RESOURCES INTERNATIONAL, INC.,
ELEVEN HUNDRED MILAM BUILDING,
P.O. BOX 2067,
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WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR QUERY ABOUT THE RETENTION AS LOCAL COUNSEL
OF A LAWYER WHO ALSO IS A MEMBER OF THE TUNISIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.
IN THIS CONNECTION, I HAVE READ THE STATEMENT DATED JUNE 8 OF THAT
LAWYER, MONDHER BEN AMMAR, IN RESPONSE TO THE WRITTEN QUERY OF
FRANK P. WALSH BEARING THE SAME DATE.

WHILE I AM NOT AN EXPERT IN JURISPRUDENCE, I HAVE NO REASON TO
DOUBT THE STATEMENT OF MR. BEN AMMAR TO THE EFFECT THAT HIS
RETENTION AS A LAWYER BY BUTTES RESOURCES TUNISIE IS NOT - UNDER
APPLICABLE TUNISIAN LAW - INCOMPATIBLE WITH HIS OUTSIDE POLITICAL
ROLE. IT IS A COMMON AND ACCEPTED PRACTICE FOR A TUNISIAN
LEGISLATOR (DEPUTE) TO MAKE HIS LIVING BY EMPLOYMENT IN HIS
ESTABLISHED PROFESSION WHICH, IN THE CASE OF MR. BEN AMMAY,
IS AS A LAWYER. VERY TRULY YOURS. HARRY M. MONTGOVERY,
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ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR.
AMERICAN EMBASSY,
TUNIS, TUNISIA.
JUNE 8, 1977.
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